Community Investments

UC Davis Health’s commitment to our mission of patient care, education and research is demonstrated through our dedication to improving community health, providing community benefit projects and services in the community, and through training professionals who will serve the region.

In Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021 – June 2022), UC Davis Health provided $649 million in community benefits. Community benefits included financial assistance (charity care) and subsidized care, services provided to Medi-Cal and Medicare patients where reimbursement doesn’t cover costs, community health and wellness programs, training for community medical professionals, and cash and in-kind donations to community programs and non-profit organizations.

The programs described in this document highlight the significant impact on programs devoted to providing access to care and reducing health inequities — both in our region and beyond.

38 local high school students attended the Summer Health Institute of Nursing, Exploration and Success (SHINES) two-week immersive summer program at UC Davis Health. Designed to diversify the nursing education pipeline and prepare students to make professional and academic decisions should they want to pursue a career in health care, SHINES includes more than 15 sessions that range from lectures and hands-on workshops to state-of-the-art simulation education experiences.

116 women received free mammograms from UC Davis Health during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October 2022. Shifa Community Clinic, a student-run clinic associated with the School of Medicine, assisted patients who needed additional follow-up testing and care.

332 high school and undergraduate students attended in-person and virtual Health Equity Academy events and conferences in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties organized by the School of Medicine Office of Student and Resident Diversity to learn about health professions and health sciences.

1,081 medical, graduate nursing and physician assistant students and 1,007 medical residents and fellows received innovative training to provide them with the skills and values needed to lead change and improve health care for all.

350 flu vaccines administered by the UC Davis School of Medicine “Flu Crew” to community members for free at events in Stockton, Roseville and Sacramento County. UC Davis Pharmacy also donated 700 flu vaccine doses for various community events.
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56 gastroenterology procedures provided by UC Davis physicians through Sacramento Physicians Initiative to Reach Out, Innovate and Teach (SPIRIT) at no cost to the patient. The program provides free surgeries for uninsured individuals who are referred from a medical home, including patients who utilize UC Davis medical student-run clinics. UC Davis Health also provides $35,000 annually to support program administration.

31,303 visits provided by UC Davis Health physicians, nurse practitioners, residents and medical students at the Sacramento County Health Center to community members through the Medi-Cal, Healthy Partners and Refugee Health programs.

33 public health nursing directors and supervisors from 17 mostly rural California County health departments plus 4 faculty members from CSU Sacramento and CSU Chico joined with faculty and staff from the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing to participate in PHN ENTRUST: Public Health Nursing: Empowering Nurses, Teaching Rural Care Using Simulation Training workshops. The team co-created, pilot tested, and evaluated simulation training that exposed nursing students to public health competencies, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Simulations allow students to practice nursing skills in a realistic, low-risk environment.

250 views on YouTube of the Capitol City Black Nurses Association Barbershop Health Talk: Sacramento's Men Discuss Gun Violence and the Impact in the Black Community sponsored by UC Davis Health and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. Four local barbershops live-streamed the event, in addition to live viewers of the June 2022 event. Barbershops historically serve as hubs of cultural influence, and research has identified the barbershop as a valid modality for impacting health outcomes in Black men.

$250,000 awarded to the Sacramento Tree Foundation for the Hanami Line, a cherry blossom park opening in 2024, and honoring the Japanese American community. An additional $440,000 was awarded to 55 local non-profits through UC Davis Health’s formal sponsorship process. This directly supports health and social service programs throughout the region.

137,631 people received nutritious, culturally meaningful food from the River City Food Bank at St. Matthew’s Church, located in the Arden Arcade neighborhood. This is supported in part by a grant from UC Davis Health. 85 percent of families served in 2022 were refugees, including many newly arriving families from Ukraine, Afghanistan and Russia.